



## BIG CREEK FIRE

### J. W. Bell's Crew

Beginning at East end of grave Heads towards hill

|     |  |                |
|-----|--|----------------|
| 47. | <u>Upton B. Smith</u>  | <u>\$67.50</u> |
| 48. | <u>Geo. W. Cameron (Grave #1)</u>  | <u>\$84.25</u> |
| 49. | <u>Guecome Viettone</u>  | <u>\$49.00</u> |
| 50. | <u>Dominick Bruno</u>  | <u>\$49.00</u> |
| 51. | <u>W. J. Elliott (Grave #2)</u>  | <u>\$25.25</u> |
| 52. | <u>Joseph Beauchamp</u><br>(Body removed by wife 1911)                                   | <u>\$ 9.00</u> |
| 53. | <u>Roderick A. Ames</u><br>(Homesteader, Body removed by friends immediately after fire) | <u>\$ 6.00</u> |
| 54. | <u>Tony Butcher</u>  | <u>\$54.00</u> |
| 55. | <u>Chris Omiso</u>   | <u>\$55.50</u> |
| 56. | <u>C. Buck</u>   | <u>\$62.25</u> |

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**47. UPTON B. SMITH.**

Address Mansfield, Ohio. Body shipped to father. Father W. R. Smith, 229 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Mansfield, Ohio. Killed by falling tree at Joseph Beauchamp's cabin. Father communicated with.

Time

|      |              |                         |
|------|--------------|-------------------------|
| July | 29 – 6 hours | 13 – 12                 |
|      | 30 – 12      | 14 – 12                 |
|      | 31 – 12      | 15 – 12                 |
| Aug. | 1 – 12       | 16 – 12                 |
|      | 2 – 12       | 17 – 12                 |
|      | 3 – 12       | 18 – 12                 |
|      | 4 – 12       | 19 – 12                 |
|      | 5 – 12       | 20 – <u>12</u>          |
|      | 6 – 12       | 270 hours, \$67.50 due. |
|      | 8 – 12       |                         |
|      | 9 – 12       |                         |
|      | 10 – 12      |                         |
|      | 11 – 12      |                         |
|      | 12 – 12      |                         |

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**48. GEORGE W. CAMERON.**

With Bell's crew on Big Creek. Father lives in Nova Scotia; consulted. Killed by falling tree at Joe Beauchamp's cabin.

Time

|      |              |                |
|------|--------------|----------------|
| July | 24 – 11 hour | 8 – 12         |
|      | 25 – 17      | 9 – 12         |
|      | 26 – 11      | 10 – 12        |
|      | 27 – 9       | 11 – 12        |
|      | 28 – 15      | 12 – 12        |
|      | 29 – 16      | 13 – 12        |
|      | 30 – 15      | 14 – 12        |
|      | 31 – 13      | 15 – 12        |
| Aug. | 1 – 16       | 16 – 14        |
|      | 4 – 12       | 17 – 14        |
|      | 5 – 12       | 18 – 14        |
|      | 6 – 12       | 19 – 14        |
|      | 7 – 12       | 20 – <u>14</u> |

337 hours, \$84.25 amount due

This amount paid to Edwin C. Moore, Box 264, Kellogg, Idaho who had power of attorney, etc., from father George W. Cameron, Archibald Cameron, of Waugh's River, County of Colchester and Province of Nova Scotia. Voucher No. 627.

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**49. GUECOM VIETTONE or GIACOMO VIETTENE, or JENE VIETTONE.**

With Bell's crew on Big Creek. Friends found. Time back gives name as "V. Attne."  
Belong to Masonic Lodge, Morenci, Arizona. Home in Revaria, Italy, Conovasa.

The following information from L. J. Owen, Sec. of Corinthian Lodge A. F. & A. M. # 18,  
Morenci, Ariz.:

Age 29 years. Father died in Italy. Boni Rivara Canonese, Province de Tonino, Italy. Father  
before dying had written to Mr. Jim Mariette of Morenci, Arizona, asking him if he would get  
anything from the boy's insurance or the U. S. Government, and Mariette wrote an Italian  
Consul.

Another report: Belong to an Italian insurance order at Morenci, Arizona, also to Italian  
Masonic order (Singular) and owns an interest in their building to the amount of \$107.00. It is  
not known whether or not the insurance has been paid to the heirs or executors, the amount of  
which cannot be over \$300.00 or less than \$100.00.

Dominick Rivar of Wallace, Idaho, has informed us that Ellena Viettone, Rivara, Canavese,  
Italy, is the mother of Guecomo Viettone. We have sent voucher and affidavit to Italian Consul  
at Denver, Colorado, requesting him to obtain signature of mother.

Time

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Aug. 4 – 10 hours | 13 – 11            |
| 5 – 11            | 14 – 12            |
| 6 – 11            | 16 – 12            |
| 7 – 10            | 17 – 12            |
| 8 – 10            | 18 – 12            |
| 10 – 16           | 19 – 12            |
| 11 – 11           | 20 – <u>12</u>     |
| 12 – 11           | 196 hours, \$49.00 |

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**50. DOMONICK BRUNO.**

Boni Rivara, Canavese, Province de Torino, Italy, has an uncle, Guiseppi Bruno, in Globe, Arizona, and working on a chicken ranch. Information from L. J. Owen, Sec. Corinthian Lodge, #18, A.F. & A.M. Wrote to Guiseppi Bruno, Globe, Arizona, and the letter was returned.

Domonick Rivar of Wallace, Idaho, has informed us that Andrea Bruno, Canavese, Italy, is the father of Dominick Bruno. We have sent voucher and affidavit to Italian Consul at Denver Colorado, requesting him to obtain signature of father.

Time

|                   |                                |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aug. 4 – 10 hours | 13 – 11                        |
| 5 – 11            | 14 – 12                        |
| 6 – 11            | 15 – 12                        |
| 7 – 10            | 16 – 12                        |
| 8 – 10            | 17 – 12                        |
| 9 – 11            | 18 – 12                        |
| 10 – 16           | 19 – 12                        |
| 11 – 11           | 20 – <u>12</u>                 |
| 12 – 11           | 196 hours, \$49.00 amount due. |

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**51. W. J. ELLIOTT.**

With Bell's crew on Big Creek. Father Daniel Elliott, Salemville, Ohio, Earle E. Elliott, brother, P.O. Box 222, Pasco, Washington. These persons have been communicated with. Killed by falling tree at Joe Beauchamp's cabin. He lived for a time after being injured.

Time

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Aug. 12 – 5 hours | 17 – 12            |
| 13 – 12           | 18 – 12            |
| 14 – 12           | 19 – 12            |
| 15 – 12           | 20 – <u>12</u>     |
|                   | 101 hours, \$25.25 |

This amount paid to father, Daniel Elliott. Voucher No. 1198.

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**52. JOSEPH BEAUCHAMP.**

Address, Wallace, Idaho. Wife found. Homesteader on Big Creek. Not working for government at time of fire.

Time

Aug. 10 – 12 hours

11 – 12

12 – 12

36 hours, \$9.00 due.

Above amount paid to Benj. Chainey as administer, Voucher 627.

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**53. RODERICK A. AMES.**

Buried by brothers. Homesteader on Big Creek. Not working for Government at this time.

Time

Aug. 11 – 12 hours

12 – 12

24 hours, \$6.00 amount due.

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**54. TONY BUTCHER**

Name also given as Tony Boucher. With Bell's crew on Big Creek. Final naturalization papers taken out at Evelith, Minn. First papers taken out at U. S. Circuit Court, 5<sup>th</sup> division. Came to this country in Sept., 1894. Was then 25 years old. Was an Austrian. Address of his mother, Mrs. Theresa Bucar, Velike Pejce, Seutvid, Dolinjsko, Krain, Austria.

Time

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Aug. 2 – 12 | 11 – 12                       |
| 3 – 12      | 12 – 12                       |
| 4 – 12      | 13 – 12                       |
| 5 – 12      | 14 – 12                       |
| 6 – 12      | 15 – 12                       |
| 8 – 12      | 16 – 12                       |
| 9 – 12      | 17 – 12                       |
| 10 – 12     | 18 – 12                       |
|             | 19 – 12                       |
|             | 20 – <u>12</u>                |
|             | 216 hours, \$54.00 amount due |

Voucher and affidavit sent to mother, Mrs. Terezijo Bucar, Velike Pejce, Sentvid, Dolenjsko, Krain, Austria, Europe, for execution and return to this office, when they will be forwarded to Fiscal Agent for payment.

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**55. CHRIS OMISO.**

No friends known. With Bell's crew on Big Creek. Buried on Big Creek. Wrote to E. W. Allen, Gen. Del., Spokane, Washington, March 16<sup>th</sup>, who claims to have known this party. Signed name as Charles Omiso, address not known. Thought to be a wanderer. Has a certificate of deposit #3215 for \$300.00 issued by Bank of Athens, at Athens, Wisconsin. Also had savings deposit book #1410 issued in name of Charles Omiso, Cranbrook, B.C., in the Dominion Bank, Calgary, Alberta. Wrote to Mayor of Cranbrook, but no reply. Different names given are:

|                |             |            |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Charles Omerso | Karl Omersa | Karl Omers |
| Charles Omers  | Chas. Omoso |            |

Time

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Aug. 2 – 6 | 11 – 12            |
| 3 – 20     | 12 – 12            |
| 4 – 16     | 13 – 12            |
| 5 – 16     | 14 – 12            |
| 6 – 14     | 15 – 12            |
| 7 – 12     | 16 – 12            |
| 8 – 14     | 17 – 24            |
| 9 – 12     | 18 – 12            |
| 10 – 12    | 19 – 12            |
|            | 20 – <u>12</u>     |
|            | 254 hours, \$63.50 |
|            | <u>8.00</u> paid.  |
|            | \$55.50            |

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**56. C. BUCK.**

With Bell's crew on Big Creek. Not positively identified. Died in Pulaski tunnel. No clue to identity.

Time

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Aug. 2 – 6 | 11 – 12        |
| 3 – 20     | 12 – 12        |
| 4 – 16     | 13 – 12        |
| 5 – 16     | 14 – 12        |
| 6 – 16     | 15 – 12        |
| 7 – 12     | 16 – 12        |
| 8 – 12     | 17 – 12        |
| 9 – 15     | 18 – 16        |
| 10 – 12    | 19 – 12        |
|            | 20 – <u>12</u> |

249 hours, \$62.25 amount due.

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